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The Honorable Paul Holvey, Chair House Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency Committee

RE: House Bill 2143

Chair Holvey and members of the Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency Committee, I am Mitch Morrow, Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to support House Bill 2143.

The Oregon Department of Corrections currently conducts inspections of county jails, and supports this bill which leaves the responsibility for jail inspections to the county sheriff. This legislation allows a more efficient use of resources and continues to ensure that jails are safe places to house Oregon's offenders.

I appreciate your consideration of this bill and welcome your questions.

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